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AMUSEMENTS TODAY.
Salt Lake—Matinee and evening, Alberta Gallatin in "Cousin Kate."
Orpheum—Vaudeville.
Grand—Matinee and evening, "Faust."
Lyric—Matinee and evening, "Alcazar Beauties."

WEATHER FOR SALT LAKE.
Possibly light snow.

THE METALS.
Silver, 65¢ per ounce.
Copper (casting), 17¢ per pound.
Lead, in ore, \$3.50; New York, \$3.00.

A FOREGONE CONCLUSION.

It was a foregone conclusion that the great "retrenchment and reform" administration would pass the ordinance giving the health officer an assistant. Thus the taxpayers are to be required to pay two salaries for work that has been done heretofore for one salary. Two men are to divide the work that one man has been doing acceptably. If this is a cutting down of expenses, if this is an improvement in city government, then a majority of those who voted for the "American" officials will shortly have cause to regret their action.

The present health officer may be all that his admirers claim for him; he may be in every respect a first-class man. If he is, and we do not assert that he is not, he has a curious way of demonstrating his capacity. The health officer's private practice cannot be very much larger now than it was when he accepted the position. He is estopped by former experience in the office by pleading that he did not know how much work there was in it.

If he had not felt that he could devote enough time to the duties, he should not have accepted the place. And, if he found that the work had so increased since his former occupancy that he could not do it alone, and at the same time do justice to his private patients, he should have been fair enough to resign. There are plenty of physicians who would willingly undertake to do all the work without an assistant and do it well.

Among Dr. Stewart's predecessors as health officer there were several men who had large private practices, fully as large as that over which Dr. Stewart has control. They were forced to neglect this practice in order to look after the public health, but they made the sacrifice with a patriotism as commendable as it was, to them, expensive. It appears that there is no thought of patriotism now, no desire to serve the public merely for the sake of serving the public.

At whatever cost to the taxpayers the supporters of the "American" party must be taken care of. If the people of Salt Lake City are not heartily sick of their bargain long before Mayor Thompson's term expires it will be one of the unexplainable mysteries of politics.

POPULATION GUESSES.

Many Americans feel that the census department is going outside of the work for which it was created when it gives out guesses on the future population of some leading American cities. The guessing business is peculiarly the province of the weather bureau. The census officials are supposed to deal with pure facts, settled figures, not prophecies that, from their nature, must be fanciful. Some days ago the estimate referred to was given out.

The experts prophesied—estimated was the word they used—that in 1910 New York would have a million more inhabitants than at present, thus continuing in its place as the greatest city, from the standpoint of population, in the country. The total, it is predicted, will be in the neighborhood of 4,450,000. Chicago is not to fare so well. The Illinois metropolis will gain 600,000 people only, staying in second place in the list of big towns.

Good old Philadelphia is to go forward rapidly. An increase of 38 per cent, to a total of 1,818,000, is predicted. As to St. Louis, the department speaks with confidence, even going so far as to give the exact figure, 975,238. This is a modest increase of 70 per cent, from which we are led to the not unreasonable inference that the man who compiled the St. Louis figures must have a strong interest in that fine old southern city. Boston is to stand in fifth place with 740,000 population. Now come predictions that are likely to get the guessers into trouble.

They say that Pittsburg will step up above Baltimore, that Cincinnati will drop out of tenth place into thirteenth, that New Orleans will fall from twelfth to fifteenth and that Omaha will be passed by several cities that had, according to the 1900 census, less population. How will the people of the descending cities

feel? Will they not have just cause for complaint about this guesswork? Will they not have reason for asserting that the census department has no business boosting other cities at their expense? And they will be entirely right in their complaints. If the census bureau, in order to justify its existence as a permanent branch of the government, has to let the spirit of prophecy run away with it, it ought to be abolished.

THE BILL BOARD NUISANCE.

The billboard nuisance, which has grown in Salt Lake during the last few years until it is almost impossible to look in any direction without seeing one or more, is to be attacked by the Manufacturers' and Merchants' association and by the Salt Lake Woman's club. Most people will be glad to lend their aid to any movement having for its object the elimination of the billboard. Other cities have long since taken steps in this direction, and it is believed that in some cities they will be wiped out of existence.

In the work of elimination has been enlisted the aid of many shrewd men who in other days were heavy users of billboard advertising. The most careful advertisers have found that it does not pay to advertise on billboards. They have found that the sole result of the billboard is to disfigure property, to reduce the value of real estate and to offend the eye with their lurid combinations of color and their often vulgar figures.

The public is in need of education on this subject, though it should not be. The billboard can hardly be eliminated unless the people demand it. The council will take no action in the matter unless the demand for it is unmistakable. It has been contended that billboards cannot be done away with by ordinance. We have been told that a question of property rights is involved, that the council cannot say to a property owner: "You must not permit the erection and maintenance of a billboard on your property."

On the same principle it might be argued that a man owning a vacant lot on Brigham street in the heart of the fashionable residence district could not be prevented from erecting and operating a glue factory thereon. Will any one contend that this assumption is correct? Will it be said that a glue factory could be maintained in a residence district? We think not. It would be quickly declared a nuisance and ordered removed.

Nobody disputes the constitutionality of the law which places restrictions about the operating of saloons in certain districts. Even if a man owns his property he may not put a saloon within a specified distance of a church or school building, and he may not open one unless the nearby property owners consent. It is conceded that the billboard is a nuisance, and as a nuisance it should be legislated out of existence.

FOR POSTAL REVENUE.

Postmaster General Cortelyou proposes some large plans for the postal department. He thinks that if his plans are adopted the country cannot only be given 1-cent postage for letters, but there will be a net revenue of \$56,000,000 instead of an annual deficit of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000. That looks like a pleasant dream, but Mr. Cortelyou is sure that its realization is not impossible.

In packages of four pounds or less merchandise is now carried at the rate of 1 cent an ounce, or 16 cents a pound. Printed matter generally goes at 1 cent for two ounces, or 3 cents a pound. Now, Mr. Cortelyou thinks merchandise can be carried at the printed matter rate. He believes that such a step would have the immediate effect of greatly increasing the merchandise mail business. The estimate is that the value of the increase to the government would be not less than \$70,000,000.

It is surmised that the second-class matter increase would be in the neighborhood of \$35,000,000, and the letter increase under 1-cent postage, \$11,000,000. From this total of \$116,000,000 deduct the present deficit of \$15,000,000 and a decrease of \$45,000,000 in letter postage now received, and the net balance is \$56,000,000. The increase in second-class matter is figured on the basis of restrictions that have been placed on the mailing of publications other than legitimate newspapers and magazines with bona fide subscription lists. This has been one of Mr. Cortelyou's hobbies and he has managed to exclude practically all of the publications not entitled to the 1-cent a pound rate paid by news-dealers and newspaper publishers from that rate. They are being compelled to pay the full second-class postage.

One point that does not seem to have been brought out strongly is the question as to whether or not this great increase in the volume of business will be attended by a tremendous increase in the cost of operating. The cost would not be proportionately as great, of course, for it is a well settled principle that the greater the business the smaller the cost, proportionately, of transacting it. Some figures on this point would be interesting.

A New Jersey doctor invited to dinner a number of "friends" who had been slandering him, and took advantage of his opportunity to tell them plainly what he thought of them as soon as the dinner was over. The idea is said to have originated with one Timon of Athens, and its execution must have been as unpleasant to Timon and the doctor as to the false friends.

A Baltimore botanist says plants can see, feel and taste, but cannot hear. They are not denied the privilege of smelling, however, for we all know some of them smell to heaven.

If the weather man doesn't intend to give us any snow he ought to quit making promises.



Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bamberger announce the betrothal of their daughter, Helen M., to Arthur Behal, of New York City. No cards will be issued, and the family will be at home after March 15.

The men of the University club gave a dance last evening which was attended by a large number of the members and their wives. The two main rooms were cleared for dancing, and the music was behind a screen of palms at the north end. Across the hall in the library a cheerful corner was made by means of a log fire in the grate, and in the alcove punch was served. During the late hours supper was served in buffet style in the small dining-room, where decorations of liberty roses were seen.

Elmer I. Goshen entertained the members of his congregation whose names come in the first half of the alphabet last evening at an old-fashioned church social in the parlors of the First Congregational church. A number of the active workers of the church assisted in serving, and an informal social evening was spent.

Mrs. O. W. Powers will entertain at bridge Friday afternoon at her home, "Lingerlonger."

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Slade will celebrate their wedding next Monday evening with a dance at the Ladies' Literary club.

Mrs. Schuyler C. Snyder will entertain at cards this afternoon at her apartments in the Miller flats.

Mrs. John N. Sharp will entertain her card club today at her home.

Mrs. Vivian Jones leaves today for a six weeks' stay in New York.

The Shakespearean section of the Ladies' Literary club will meet this morning at the club house to continue the study of Cymbeline, with Mrs. Wilbur W. Anness as leader.

The Treble Clef club meets at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the studio of Mrs. Martha Boyie King, 255 Commercial club building.

The annual meeting of the Country club was held yesterday afternoon in the lecture room of the Y. M. C. A. Library, with thirty-five members present. After the reading of the treasurer's annual statement, the following ticket of six names to serve as directors for the ensuing year, was placed in nomination by Captain W. F. Colton, and elected: F. E. McGurrian, George P. Holman, E. W. Packard, E. B. Wicks, W. Mont Ferry, George W. Heintz.

The big annual junior "Promenade" is to be given by the university students next Friday night at the university's new gymnasium. Besides an abundance of school and class decorations, several unique features will be introduced. The musicians will be seated overhead in a huge vessel-shaped figure suspended from the ceiling, built to represent an airship, even the sails or wings being attached while a large electric fan will serve as a propeller as well as a means of keeping the room cool. The entire building is to be used. In the basement will be reception rooms and smoking parlors for the men. On the dance floor the different fraternities and sororities will have their booths in which they will serve refreshments. Several large electric headlights have been secured, which will be placed on the roofs of the buildings.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

1804—Wiley A. Jones, Salt Lake.
Roseline Harter, Salt Lake.
1905—John Young, Rock Springs, Wyo.
Maud Rhodes, Rock Springs, Wyo.

CLEVER PARAGRAPHS.

Can Always Have a Boiled Dinner.

(Buffalo Express.)
Kansas is sending turnips as a wedding present; South Dakota, potatoes and Virginia, apples. So it isn't going to be a hard winter with the Roosevelt-Longworths.

That Is the Main Question.

(New York World.)
Chairman Shonts wants a bigger canal strip. It will be time enough to take that matter up when it is decided whether we are to have a wet or dry canal.

"Nick" Is Certainly a Winner.

(Milwaukee Sentinel.)
Just to test the strength and durability of her affection for him, Miss Roosevelt went over to the house and heard Mr. Longworth make a speech.

Should Be a Sure Cure.

(New York Herald.)
A St. Paul man becomes temporarily insane every time he laughs. He requires drastic treatment—say, a long course of current comic opera.

She Actually Made a Hole.

(Washington Post.)
It really seems that France is entitled to an apology from American criticism of her tardiness in pushing work on the Panama canal.

What Does He Coin Them For?

(Chicago News.)
Just to think of Grover Cleveland's cursing the doctors for using big words.

THEY APOLOGIZED.

A certain celebrity, says London Tit-Bits, had written a lecture in which he had given full play to his robust humor, and in order to try it went to a little remote sober-sided town.

The people of the place were very seriously affected by the prospect of so great and famous a man coming among them, and the hall was filled. As the lecturer entered a hush fell upon the audience. The poor country people were solemnly impressed by the presence of such a man. In his very best spirits he began his lecture. It was his intention to set his audience in a roar of laughter at the very beginning, but his effort was in vain. The people sat there in open-mouthed wonder, swallowing his tremendous fiction as a great and beneficial truth. For an hour and a half he labored to produce a smile. He twinkled, scintillated, effervesced, but all to no purpose. The audience was as solemn as a sexton. When he had concluded his lecture and was leaving the hall, quite convinced that he should never succeed with that lecture, he was met by an old man, who said gravely:

"Gov'nor, I'm much obliged for that lecture of yours and I want to make a little apology for me an' some of my neighbors, for I dassan't me be

Keith - O'Brien

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